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MEMORANDUM FOR: TALENT Security Officer, PCS/DCI

SUBJECT: Procedure on AQUATONE and TALENT  
Clearances from the Consumer Community

1. Under current procedure all requests for AQUATONE clearances from the consumer element in the community come to me. It is my responsibility to recommend that the clearance be awarded by the Project. It is also my understanding that when the clearances are accomplished you inform me and I inform the requester.

2. We have both taken note of the sentence which your office occasionally uses requesting that there be a notification of when and by whom the AQUATONE briefing is accomplished.

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3. In the case of personnel for the [REDACTED] centers, I believe we both understand that existing procedure requires that the AQUATONE briefing be accomplished by your security men at the pertinent location.

4. However, in the ZI it is my feeling, and I think from our discussion the other day you would concur, that the sentence referred to in paragraph 2 above ought not be included and that rather the AQUATONE briefing should be accomplished by your office. As a convenience, it might be worked out with proper advice for [REDACTED] to do this for the Project.

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5. Would you make a decision as to how you want this done and let me know so that in our reply to the requester we can use standard information and so that they might learn the ropes to minimize confusion.

6. On a related matter, I would suggest that when the Project wishes approval of slots for TALENT clearances we can expedite

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matters if you can send a copy to the TALENT Security Officer at the same time that you send it to me. Thus we can coordinate by phone. You may, if you wish, include with the memorandum the names of the individuals to be cleared so that upon approval [REDACTED] can proceed promptly with the clearance procedure.

7. I realize there are occasions in the interest of either the Project or those of us working with consumers when securing approval by phone must be accomplished. Can we agree that each of us will promptly confirm by memorandum such telephonic arrangements. We will certainly do our best to follow this procedure.

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CIA TALENT Control Officer

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